

REMARKS

Claims 5-6 have been canceled. Claims 1-4 and 7-10 remain in the application. Claims 4 and 8-10 are allowed. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the paper mailed 08/16/2005, claims 1-3 were rejected under the judicially created double patenting doctrine as being unpatentable over claim 1 of US Patent Number 6,662,277 (the parent of the present application). A terminal disclaimer is included with this response.

In the paper mailed 08/16/2005, claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Number 6,832,282 (Duncan *et al.*). Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 7 specifies maintaining ownership information for the group of lines and for each individual line within the group of lines. Duncan *et al.* do not teach or suggest maintaining ownership information for a group of lines in addition to maintaining ownership information for each individual line. In the discussion of claim 7, the examiner refers back to the discussion of claim 6 regarding ownership of a group of lines. In the discussion of claim 6, the examiner states that Duncan inherently teaches that a group of lines is owned by one owner (under certain circumstances). The fact that a group of lines may be owned by one owner is not the same thing as maintaining ownership information for the group in addition to maintaining ownership information for each individual line.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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